

PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 29, 1953

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMAL PSB MEETING, JULY 29, 1953

Place: Office of the Chairman of the Psychological Strategy Board

Present: Messrs. Jackson, Smith, Kyes, Dulles, Stassen and Morgan.

Agenda Item 1. U. S. Psychological Strategy with Respect to the Thai Peoples of Southeast Asia

The Board considered the proposed revision of PSB D-23 and deferred action until the next meeting.

Agenda Item 2. Status Report on the National Psychological Effort as of June 30, 1953, and Progress Report of the Psychological Strategy Board

The Board approved the report for transmission to NSC.

Agenda Item 3. Other Business

Mr. Jackson reported the result of a quick survey of programs and facilities for psychological operations in Korea, which indicated that the principal matter for concern at the moment is dependable control of medium wave radio facilities in South Korea. Several suggestions for immediate action in the post-Armistice situation were mentioned, including material contained in recent letters from Chinese POW's to the President. I was asked to secure the letters from Colonel Carroll at the White House and make arrangements with Mr. Tracy Barnes for proper exploitation. General Smith indicated that State Department assistance in making translations would be available if needed. Mr. Stassen suggested that food parcels for North Korea might be available near the southern boundary of the buffer zone. The Board agreed to set up a working group to handle these and similar suggestions for making the most of the post-Armistice situation in relation to Korea and Communist China. Agencies are requested to let me know the names of their designees as soon as possible.

I called the Board's attention to the memorandum from Mr. Cutler on Communist influence among students and intellectuals, and the one prepared by the PSB Staff in response to it, circulated under my memorandum to the Board of July 27. The Board agreed that I should handle the matter as proposed in my memorandum.

A proposal for sending the New York City Center Ballet to Moscow (State Department memorandum of July 27, circulated to the Board under memorandum of same date) was not favorably considered.

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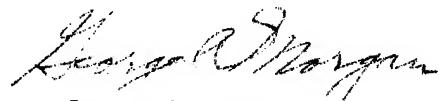
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Mr. Jackson took up the problem of Mexican border patrol discussed briefly at the last meeting and said that he had discussed it further with the Attorney General. Mr. Brownell is making an inspection trip to California soon and was interested in taking along someone who could help prepare appropriate psychological plans to fit whatever action is finally decided upon. General Smith felt that no one should be sent from PSB for this purpose. Mr. Kyes offered to send someone from Defense.

An MSA memorandum of July 24 proposing additional facilities in Yugoslavia was considered briefly. The Board felt that the needs mentioned were already adequately prepared for.

Mr. Kyes proposed an idea, which the Board liked, for getting Christmas presents to the East Germans and perhaps to the East Europeans. Mr. Dulles agreed to work out an implementation plan.



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